

SOCIETY

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self-made millionaire and one of the wealthiest men in the Quaker City. "Ned" Stotesbury was, and still is, head of Drexel & Co., in Philadelphia, and a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, in New York.

It must be remembered that up to this time Mrs. Stotesbury, then Mrs. Cromwell, was not a social factor in America. In fact, very few outside her own particular circle of friends knew of her existence. Of course Louise, her daughter, had acted as a bridesmaid at the wedding of Vivian Gould, Mrs. George J. Gould's second daughter, and Lord Decies, but no one would have classed Mrs. Stotesbury as part of "national society" in 1909.

Today Mrs. Stotesbury is the undisputed social leader of Philadelphia; she possesses a collection of gems which rivals the famous collections of the Astors, Vanderbilts and Goulds, and she is in intimate terms with such social stars as Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, etc., all of whom, if I mistake not, had never heard of Mrs. Cromwell when she made her home out at Rye, N. Y.

WEDDING WAS REGAL EVENT.
However, Mrs. Cromwell decided to become Mrs. Stotesbury's bride and the wedding was a regal event. The wedding gifts were worth a fortune, and not a small fortune at that. The late J. P. Morgan sent some priceless pearls to his partner's bride.

There was much gossip at the time to the effect that Mr. Stotesbury's children by his first wife did not altogether approve of their father's remarriage. The reports were evidently groundless rumors, for the closest of friendship now exists between Mrs. Sydney Emlen Hutchinson and Mrs. John Kearsley Mitchell, Jr., and Mrs. Stotesbury.

After an extended wedding trip in Europe Mr. and Mrs. Stotesbury came back to America and went to Philadelphia, where Mr. Stotesbury had lived for many years in a rather old-fashioned brownstone mansion at Twentieth and Walnut streets. At first Philadelphia society did not take kindly to Mrs. Stotesbury. The "old guard"—and only those who know their Philadelphia realize how important that word "old guard" is in the Quaker City—were evidently afraid of the Stotesbury wealth.

If the truth were known I am certain it would come out that certain of the Biddies, the Bayards, the Wains, the Hutchinsons, the Taylors, the Morrisons, the Henrys, etc. (all of whom have been in the fore in Philadelphia society since the earliest colonial days), looked upon Mrs. Stotesbury as an interloper who possessed enough coin of the realm to force them to accept her as a social leader.

NET SOCIAL LEADER AND WENT ON.

The uncrowned social leader at that time was Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, formerly Sally Drexel, and a sister of both Anthony J. Drexel, of London, and John R. Drexel, of New York. Mrs. Van Rensselaer is the mother of Mrs. Robert Kelso Cassatt, Mrs. A. J. Antelo Devereux, Mrs. Howard Henry and John R. Fell, who married one of the Randolph girls.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer cared but little about society. She had a large fortune in her own right, and much preferred to pass her time at her beautiful country estate in the Philadelphia suburb rather than occupy her marble town house which faces that most aristocratic plot of Philadelphia soil—Rittenhouse Square.

As Mr. Stotesbury was the head of the Drexel banking house, it was of course but natural that his bride



This photograph of Mrs. Philip C. Kauffmann is declared the best picture taken of the beautiful debutante who became a bride in St. John's Episcopal Church last Tuesday. Mrs. Kauffmann, who was Miss Nancy Lane, daughter of former Secretary of the Interior Lane, now is en route to California with her husband for an extended honeymoon. The couple will not return to Washington to establish their home here until next autumn. The bridegroom is a son of Victor Kauffmann, of this city.

should meet Mrs. Van Rensselaer, the former Sally Drexel. From that moment on Mrs. Stotesbury forged ahead, step by step, until today she is of far greater social importance in the Quaker City than Mrs. Van Rensselaer.

LOTS OF BIG DINNER PARTIES FEATURE WEEK.

There were lots of big dinner parties, "per usual," last week, some for the brides and others for the diplomats and official people and for visitors. Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis gave an interesting reception for several hundred guests as their last hospitality before leaving Corcoran House, their fine old home, which has been the scene of much entertaining for several generations and which was recently sold to be torn down to make way for the new Chamber of Commerce Building. The house has a long and brilliant history. The Eustises will leave shortly for their country estate, "Oatlands," near Leesburg, Va., formerly the old Carter home, where

Mrs. Morgan Beach, who was Grace Carter, and "Connie" Carter were born and reared. It was their old home, and they sold it only a few years ago to the Eustises.

One of the most charming parties of the week was that given by Don Filippo del duchi Caffarelli, secretary of the Italian Embassy, who entertained a large party of diplomats and members of Washington society at a musicale in his apartment at the Dresden. The program, which included many classical selections, was played by number of society amateurs under the direction of Duke Caffarelli, who is an accomplished cellist. The diplomatic corps did quite a bit of entertaining last week, the Pezets giving a dinner, and the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Avezzana giving two, with one on the program for this week, and the Netherlands Minister and Mme. Cremer giving two. Their parties were in the nature of a farewell, for they are sailing for home on May 8, leaving here for New York on the 6th. They don't seem to know whether they will return or not—which generally means they are not. Having come in November, 1918, Mr. Cremer is not one of those envoys who failed to be received by the President. It seems to be pretty certain now that the President will receive the diplomatic corps before long—some time in May, perhaps. He held another cabinet meeting last week, which is a good sign.

Marc Peter, the Swiss Minister, has never been received and has gone away for a visit, first to Cuba and then to California, I believe, and it has been said he is going to Switzerland to join Mme. Peter during the summer. But if the President will see him perhaps he'll run home here long enough to present his credentials.

The new British Ambassador and Lady Geddes arrived safe and sound the first of the week and are established at the embassy, but were not accompanied by their children, who are to join them here later, possibly when their school terms are over. And the Japanese Embassy has taken a new lease on life with the arrival of the Countess of Shidehara in Washington of Miss Shidehara and the children. The ambassador went out to the Pacific Coast to meet them upon their arrival there. The various embassies and legations will soon be getting busy busting for the summer quarters. The last few warm days will give the new ones some idea of how very hot Washington can get in mid-summer. I have heard the Italians are thinking of taking a place in Newport for the summer.

There seems to be a rumor floating about that the President is about to decide upon the Raymond T. Baker Lenox estate, Homewood, for a summer White House. Ray Baker returned about a week ago from California where he has been with Mrs. Baker for weeks and weeks. She and the boys passed the winter with some of Mr. Baker's family out there. He has a small apartment at Wardman Park Hotel and there was some talk of Mrs. Baker coming here within the next week or so if he could get a bigger apartment out at Wardman. But upon inquiring, I was told that Mrs. Baker will remain in California until after the storm's visit in June, and beyond that her plans are uncertain. Yet some one claiming to have news directly from California said that Mrs. Baker has decided to remain on the Pacific Coast throughout the summer, and the fashionable Lenox colony will be forced to worry along without its great social star.

When Mrs. Baker packed her luggage last autumn and "went West" with a full corps of servants it was predicted that her stay on the coast would be an extended one. Certain members of the Lenox-Stockbridge colony laughed and declared they could not believe that Mrs. Baker would summer anywhere but in the Berkshires.

The former Mrs. Vanderbilt has leased a magnificent estate at San Mateo—I think it is the late Mrs. William G. Irwin's house—and will not come East until the latter part of next autumn, according to this report.

The first big party was given at the smart Montgomery Country Club last night when a number of its energetic members gave a subscription dance which was preceded by a number of dinner parties. It was a jolly occasion and made it

seem as though the summer was about here. The Lock Tavern Club at Great Falls is open now and several delightful but small parties have already been staged out there. The American Solidarity Ball given Wednesday night at the Willard by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans brought out the Southern contingent in society just as the Junior League dance Friday night brought out the younger set. The Junior League dance was the last of the series given by that organization during the winter. They have all been lots of fun. The dance was preceded by quite a few dinners, among those entertaining being Olga Roosevelt Bayne whom the last week, the Pezets giving a dinner, and the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Avezzana giving two, with one on the program for this week, and the Netherlands Minister and Mme. Cremer giving two. Their parties were in the nature of a farewell, for they are sailing for home on May 8, leaving here for New York on the 6th. They don't seem to know whether they will return or not—which generally means they are not. Having come in November, 1918, Mr. Cremer is not one of those envoys who failed to be received by the President. It seems to be pretty certain now that the President will receive the diplomatic corps before long—some time in May, perhaps. He held another cabinet meeting last week, which is a good sign.

Speaking of gossip, did you hear, or rather read, the story about Alice Roosevelt Longworth appearing at a fashionable dinner in black satin overalls? Mrs. Longworth denies the story. It even went so far as to say that Mrs. Longworth declared the pantsuits are extremely comfortable and that she urges a revival of the picturesque pre-civil war garments in the interest of economy, the pantsuits requiring considerably less cloth than a skirt.

It made a good story anyway. The horse show and the dog show—you hear them both talked of every place you go. People seem to be counting the days until they come off. I believe they unconsciously feel as though the spring season is really well established when those events arrive. The dog show will take place May 7 and 8 in the Coliseum over Center Market. The horse show which will begin on May 18 will be the occasion of the giving of a number of house parties in Washington.

Among the interesting visitors coming to Washington for the show is Mrs. Louisa Long Coombs, well-known horsewoman of Kansas City, Missouri, and a daughter of one of the most active partisans of that city. Before her marriage to Mr. Coombs, son of the pastor of the Independence Boulevard Christian Church in which her father takes a most active part, she was known as Louisa Long in the Middle West stood for remarkable horses, the best of living conditions for them, yes, and for remarkable horsemanship.

Her father, Robert A. Long, president of the Long Bill Lumber Company, at his beautiful big farm, Longview, a few miles out of the city, has installed every modern convenience for Mrs. Coombs' finest of horses. Every year Kansas City looked forward to the horse show given at Longview, and the opportunity of seeing just how "invincible" those who really understood them could be. At the big horse shows every winter in Con-vent Hall Miss Long was always the most prominent figure, and she was a great favorite of the city. Mrs. Coombs is the winner of many blue ribbons from all over the country, and if she rides here will, no doubt, be one of the most interesting figures in the races.

Miss Helen Taft, acting president of Bryn Mawr College, who has returned from a three weeks' trip in the interest of the Bryn Mawr endowment fund, announced last week that she will take a leave of absence of a year.

Miss Taft intends to study for a year, and will start her leave at the end of the present school term. She will continue her preparations for her degree at Yale University, it is believed. She already has applied two years to the work.

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Japan, who on Thursday enters upon his twentieth year, is preparing to visit the United States and Europe. Therefore, when in the natural course of events he succeeds to his father's throne, as the one hundred and twenty-third emperor of a dynasty that has reigned over Dai-Nippon since more than 600 years before the birth of Christ, he will be able to boast of being the first monarch of his twenty-five century old line to have enjoyed the insurmountable advantages of foreign travel.

Carefully reared in accordance with the very best principles of Western education, blended with those of his native Japan, it is considered desirable at Tokyo that his training for the duties of sovereignty should receive its finishing touches by his making himself acquainted with the most important countries of the Occident and through personal contact with their rulers, their leading statesmen and their people.

Lady Ribblesdale and her daughter, Muriel Astor, will arrive in New York about June 2, according to a bit of authoritative gossip which reached my ears recently.

It will be recalled that Lady Ribblesdale was formerly Mrs. John Astor, the first wife of the late Jacob Astor and I understand the Vincent Astors have received a message down in Bermuda to the effect that Vincent's beautiful mother will sail for the United States of America during the latter part of May, and will pass the early summer here.

Muriel has not been to America for a number of years. She is ready to take her place in the debutante ranks, and I am of the opinion will be the guest of honor at numerous parties during her sojourn in this country.

Lady Ribblesdale and Muriel passed the greater part of the winter in Switzerland, but they are now in Paris, doing no end of shopping preparatory to coming to this country.

They tell me that the one-time Mrs. Astor has become exceedingly British in manner and speech and decidedly Parisian in dress.

In the days when she was the wife of the late Col. Astor Lady Ribblesdale was considered a great beauty, but one would never have accused her of giving much thought to her sartorial embellishments, but in coming to these shores with some twenty-odd trunks filled with Paris creations.

Miss Byrd Mock entertained the Phi Alpha Chapter of the Chi Omega Sorority and members of the Washington alumnae chapter at her studio, "Ye Sign of Ye Mockins Bird," at 1200 K Street, last Sunday afternoon. She was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. James Edward Mock, who has long been known as an official "Chi Omega" member.

Miss Catherine Wilkey, president of the Washington chapter, poured tea, assisted by several members of the local chapter. In addition to the sorority, her former home in Fayetteville, Ark., the seat of the founders' chapter of Chi Omega, having been always a favorite rendezvous of the sorority.

Among other musical numbers, Miss Wilkey sang by special request, Cadman's "Land of the Sky Blue Water," introducing a denizen of the land "clad in buckskin, beads and feathers" or one who looked as if she might be a real Indian, but it was the hostess herself who gave a dramatic reading of her own poem, "The Maid of Pend d'Oreille," an Indian legend of intense pathos, a book which Miss Mock has set aside to start a loan fund for wounded soldiers to start their business when such a fund be needed. Gen. Pershing has just sent her an order for a copy of "The Maid of Pend d'Oreille," a copy of which he has read and admired very much. This land of the sky blue water, the American Women's Legion, an organization of which Miss Mock was the originator, having started it on April 6, 1918, the first anniversary of the United States' entrance into the great world war. During the war "The Maid" was sold to help buy a kitchen trailer to feed the hungry little Indian maiden was a captive in the Kaiser's palace in Potsdam, as he had ordered a copy before the war when it was on exhibit at the International Book Exhibit in Leipzig. The exhibit was closed in August, 1914, by the firing of the first guns of the great war. It is said that the Kaiser had a fancy for the works of Southern authors, and had quite a collection in his extensive library.

The reading Miss Mock gave of her poem was made the more realistic in that the scenery from "The Land of the Sky Blue Water" surrounded her spacious studio, a frieze painted on the Indian reservation by a noted European artist who declared he had not seen such coloring of sky and water since he left Lucerne in Switzerland.

This reception closed Miss Mock's "At Home" for the season.

SPRING BRINGS GAY SEASON AT WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

White Sulphur Springs has its attractions the year around, but there is no time more delightful at the mountain resort than the spring months, with their abundance of sunshine and soft breezes from the mountain ridges are becoming pink with arbutus blossoms and carpeting parts of the golf links are clusters of violets. Everywhere there is charm in the landscape and unusually large colonies are enjoying all the diversions. Riding and golf are quite to the fore, while tennis has attracted a large colony the past week and players are on the courts furnishing interesting entertainment for a large gallery who congregate at the Casino during the course of the afternoon.

Col. and Mrs. Stephen L'Honnem-du-Slocom, who have been at the Greenbrier for a fortnight returned to Washington this week, where they will participate in the many social functions that are taking place just now. Col. and Mrs. Slocom contemplate a trip to England at which time they will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Olivia Flint, of New York and this city. Miss Flint, who was presented to the Prince of Wales during his visit to this country and who was entertained at tea by him while at the Greenbrier, will be presented at the Court of St. James.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sherman have gone to the Greenbrier from Washington to spend a short time.

SHUBERT-GARRICK BEGINS SUMMER STOCK TOMORROW.

Official and social Washington is manifesting no small degree of interest in the near approach of the summer theatrical stock season to be inaugurated at the Shubert-Garrick Theatre by Z. M. Bell on Monday evening of next week. Last season the Garrick Players performed

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